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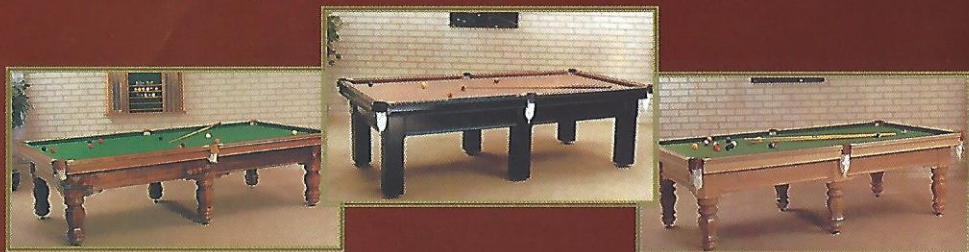
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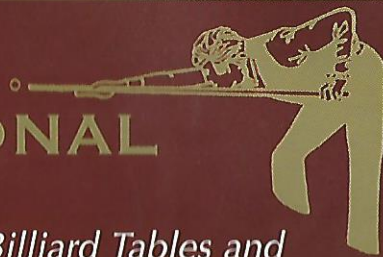
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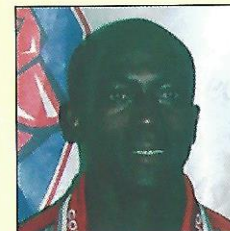
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and Anthony Pelikan celebrate the Knights' 2-1 home victory over
Parramatta Power in Round 2.



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From the Moose's Mouth

Last weeks result came as a surprise to all of us including myself, we missed three golden chances, including the penalty just a minute before half time. Now we have to face the Australian champions in Wollongong, and despite losing the coach and a number of players over the break, they have so far displayed that they are still a class outfit.

Joel Porter played well in Canberra and earned the two penalties, whilst Toto Da Costa was the provider for Porter on the first occasion, and had an impressive debut, despite missing two great chances.

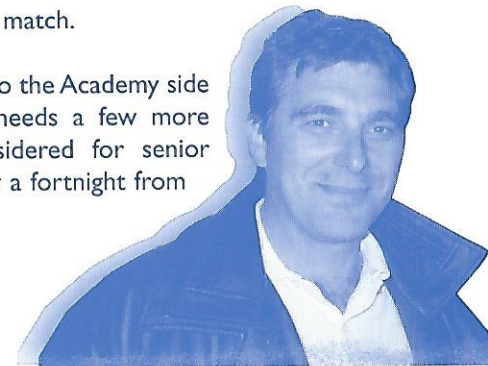
On the injury front, Adrian Cervinski returned to the Academy side and scored in their 1-0 victory over Albury Wodonga, but I think he might need another week or two in the Youth League just to get some match fitness.

Martin John is probably 4-5 weeks away with his shoulder injury, but his replacement, Lou Acevski, has been solid in goals. Last week he broke his nose after 15 minutes, and played out the rest of the match.

Ransford Banini is another who returned to the Academy side last week, and like Cervinski, probably needs a few more matches under his belt until he's considered for senior selection. Sasa Ognjenovski is still probably a fortnight from resuming with his ankle injury.

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Welcome Aboard in Season 2000/01

Last week's match

The Melbourne Knights squandered numerous goalscoring chances on their way to a 3-0 loss to Canberra Cosmos at Bruce Stadium.

Their unbeaten run in season 2000/01 came to an end as Cosmos keeper Barney Smith saved a penalty in each half.

The first penalty was awarded by referee Peter Green after 44 minutes, when Toto Da Costa played a defence splitting thru ball to Joel Porter who was brought down by Cosmos defender Toplica Popovich.

Porter stepped up to take the spot kick himself, but Smith read judged the shot well and palmed the ball wide.

Mark Hagger opened the scoring in the 52nd minute when he hammered home off the crossbar after he burst down the left flank.

Twelve minutes later Brad Scott headed home a John Angelucci cross, whilst the Cosmos put the result beyond doubt in the 74th minute when Alex Castro finished off a Hagger cross.

Referee Green awarded another spot kick after Porter was again brought down, but winger Joey Rajher had his shot blocked by the feet of Smith.

Canberra Cosmos

3 - 0

Melbourne Knights

Mark Hagger 52'
Brad Scott 63'
Alex Castro 77'

20. Barney Smith
3. Toplica Popovich
4. Andrew Ravanello (13. Shane Lyons 74')
5. Nicholas Purdue
7. Mark Hagger (23. Dom Labutte 77')
9. Alex Castro
10. John Angelucci
11. David Arranz
15. Marcus Phillips
17. Robbie Hooker
18. Brad Scott (6. Naoki Imaya 74')

20. Lupce Acevski
3. Rody Vargas
5. Jason Vukadin
6. Joey Rajher
9. Joel Porter
10. Ivan Zelic (12. Michael Bosevski 81')
11. Xhezair Sulemani (8. Dragi Nastevski 62')
14. Paul Magdic
16. Alex Kiratzoglou
18. Andy Vargas (7. Josip Kozic 64')
22. Toto Da Costa

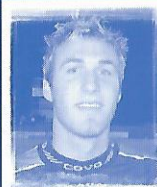
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Popovic 31'

Da Costa 9'

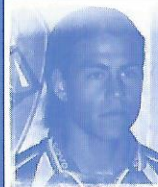




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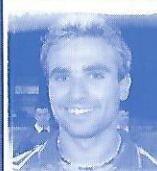
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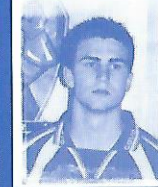
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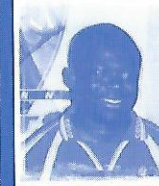
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"Newest Knight on the block"

Andy Vargas is so far proving to be a valuable recruit for the Melbourne Knights. At 23 years of age, he is proving to be one of the most gifted young midfielders in the NSL. His South American flare can be linked to his two-year stint with Chilean side Colo Colo, where he represented them at U/17, U/20 and U/23 level.

When Vargas returned to Melbourne, he was part of the successful Carlton Youth side, lead by Jeff Oliver. With the likes of Lubo Lapsansky, Simon Colosimo and Marco Bresciano blocking his path into the senior line up, it was time for Vargas to move to Eastern Pride. There he proved his value under both Stuart Munro and Jeff Hopkins as a first team regular.

Last season he was Eastern Pride's equal top scorer, with 6 goals to his credit, along with Brian MacNicol. Two of these goals were against the Knights in Round 31. Which saw Eastern Pride prevail 3-1 at Falcons Stadium, and ending the Knights' late finals run.

Ironically, it was around that time that the Knights expressed an interest in Vargas, and the lure of joining an exciting young squad which included his younger brother Rodrigo, was enough to make the switch from Morwell to Sunshine.

David Davutovic speaks exclusively to the dynamic midfielder, who could prove to be the steal of the season in the National League.

DD: Firstly, how have you settled in at the Melbourne Knights?

AV: I couldn't have picked better team, I can relate to the boys really well, we're very similar. I get along with them well, it's like one big happy family. Honestly, it couldn't be better.

DD: When was a move to the Melbourne Knights first touted?

AV: I had heard some rumours after we played the Knights last year, I scored two goals against them, and maybe three weeks later, I heard some rumours. Then someone from committee approached me during the off season and we took it from there.

DD: What does it feel like playing with your brother Rodrigo?

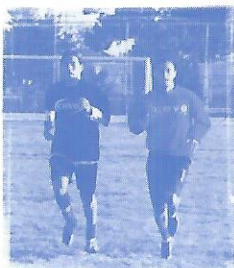
AV: It's inspirational, it brings me back to the junior days when we used to play for the same team, and I'm really cherishing the moment. It was a major factor in my decision to join the Knights, the fact that my brother played here.

DD: How do you compare the Knights with your former club, Gippsland Falcons, now known as Eastern Pride?

AV: In footballing terms it's a big difference, at the Knights we play soccer, we knock the ball around and we're very creative. At Gippsland, it was a different style, I'm not knocking them, but it was just a different way of looking at football. We had an English coach at Gippsland so we had kind of an English game, but like I said, it's a big family here, and it was the same at Gippsland. But at the Knights, the whole team's young and we're doing so well, so it's a little different.

DD: Describe your experience in Chile with Colo Colo.

AV: To sum it up, it was one big learning experience. I went over very young, I was 15, I brought back a lot of experiences that I still use today in life. I lived over there by myself for two years, so I not only learned a lot in footballing terms, but also as a person.



Rody and Andy have been reunited

DD: What impression has Vlado Vanis made on you so far?

AV: I've never had a coach like him. He's learning just like we are, but he's very disciplined and I like that. I have a lot of respect for him because he's the kind of coach where you have to watch yourself. You can joke with him, but there are only certain times you can do it. He's very professional, and I'm enjoying the way he handles things, like I said I'm learning a lot off him, so it's good so far. I've had coaches in national teams like Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco, but at club level I haven't had anyone as much authority as what Vlado has, and it's good because it keeps us on our toes at training you don't slacken off one bit. At Gippsland,

Jeff Hopkins was similar to Vlado, disciplined but not to the same extent. I have a lot of respect 4 Jeff, he really helped me a lot and I have nothing but good things to say about him. He showed me a lot of tactical stuff and made me believe in myself as a player again by giving me confidence I was lacking, and I also consider him as a friend.

DD: What is your opinion of the current Melbourne Knights squad?

AV: On paper we don't have much, because there are no big names, but when you get to see the boys at training, and you get to know them day by day, you realise that we have a bright future as a club. People have to realise that we are a very young team. I really believe within 5 weeks we'll settle down and blend as a team, and from there, we'll be hard to catch. Hopefully with a bit of luck and God on our side, we'll make the finals.

DD: Do you think the Knights are a genuine finals prospect?

AV: No question about it, I really believe we can make the top 6 and I really believe that if things go our way, we can aim for a top 4 position. Because in

football, you need a bit of luck, and if with injuries and suspensions go our way, we can get there at the end of the day.

DD: What went wrong last week in Canberra?

AV: It was a combination of everything, I think we underestimated them a bit. We didn't go in there overconfident, but maybe with a little bit too much confidence. We didn't take our opportunities, and anyone who can get hold of a tape will see that we could've been up 3-0 at half time. But I tell you what, these last 3-4 training sessions, we've been working like dogs, so on Sunday we'll be out there working twice as hard, so we're just fixing our mistakes on the training track.

DD: After two penalty misses last week, are you next in line to take one?

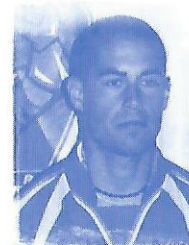
AV: (laughs) To be honest I was going to take the penalty, but at the last minute I didn't feel confident, and Joel (Porter) felt confident at the time, so I gave it to him. I mean I'm not going to be selfish and take a penalty when I'm not confident, you've got to put the team first, but I think I might take over now (laughs), but we'll see what happens.

DD: How do you rate your own performance last week?

AV: I did some good things but I didn't pressure enough and I wasn't hungry enough, and I'm correcting that at training and working a lot harder, and on Sunday hopefully you'll see a different Andy. It's all been like a learning experience so far.

DD: How have you approached today's game against Wollongong?

AV: As a team they're very dangerous on the break, but we don't really try to worry too much about the other team and their individual players. The main focus is on ourselves, and how we play as a team. I believe we can beat anybody on our day.



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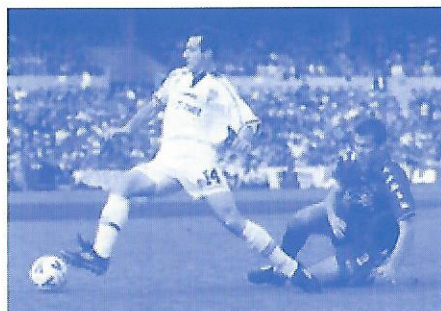
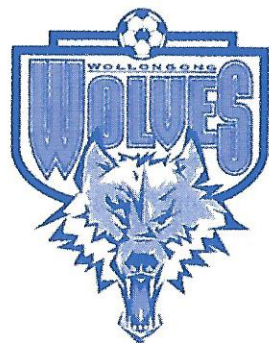
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Opposition Focus

WOLLONGONG WOLVES SQUAD FOR TODAY'S MATCH

D Beltrame (gk), R Stanton, M Horsley,
P Reid, G Souris, D Cervinski, S Chipperfield,
D Mennillo, S Young, S Petrovski, D Huxley,
B Blake, G Nohra, P O'Grady, G Barlow (gk)



Saso Petrovski in last season's Grand Final

Despite the pre season soap opera that took place in Wollongong, new coach Ron Corry has emaculately prepared his squad for season 2000/01. The loss of Esala Masi (Newcastle United), Les Pogliacomi (Parramatta Power) and Noel Spencer (Northern Spirit) has done little to disrupt their playing style.

Nick Theodorakopoulos' attacking style of soccer is still evident, and with Saso Petrovski, Stuart Young and Dino Mennillo prominent on the counter attacks, the Wolves still attack with purpose.

The Wolves should be amongst the finals contenders when the season draws to a close.

Ron Corry

NSL coaching career

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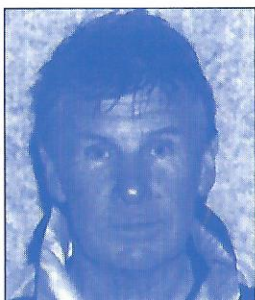
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Corry was born and raised in Sydney. He came through the Canterbury (NSW) junior ranks. He was a distinguished goalkeeper for the Socceroos playing 33 games for Australia between 1967 and 1973.

Corry played for Canterbury, Pan Hellenic, Sydney United and Manly in the NSW state league in the 1960's, through to the early 1980's.

He played 6 games in the NSL for Marconi Stallions in 1980 and 1981. He also had extended assistant and goalkeeping coach roles with Sydney United (early 1990's) and Wollongong Wolves (since 1996)



Ron Corry has a massive task on his hands, trying to emulate the feats of Nick Theodorakopoulos.

Today's match

HEAD TO HEAD (Overall):

Played:	27
Knights wins:	14
Wolves wins:	11
Draws:	2

HEAD TO HEAD (in Melbourne)

Played:	13
Knights wins:	8
Wolves wins:	4
Draws:	1

Melbourne Knights media director Tonci Prusac has called on the Knights Army to be in full voice to lift the Knights' players as they take on reigning NSL champions, the Wollongong Wolves.

The Wolves boast a team of players with enormous hearts. This was evident when they overcame a 3-goal deficit against Perth Glory in last season's grand final to snatch victory in a penalty shootout.

This season the Wolves will be gunning for back to back Premierships, something the Knights' managed to achieve back in the nineties. Which is why the Knights Army will need to be in full voice, if the Knights' are to benefit from the home crowd advantage.

Wollongong has started off the season slowly, but is still undefeated. They have had drawn matches with Perth Glory and Carlton and defeated Marconi 1-nil last week when Captain Matthew Horsley scored the winner in the 85th minute. Like the Knights', Wollongong doesn't yet boast a multiple goalscorer.

The upside of this is the amount of scoring options available to the new Wolves Coach Ron Corry, who replaced Nick Theodorakopoulos at the start of this season. Stuart Young and Saso Petrovski will be up front for the Wolves. Petrovski will be eager to get on the scoreboard, as he remains goal-less to date.

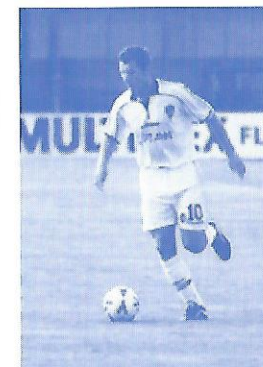
Jay Lucas may also make an appearance up forward as he did against Marconi last week. He is being chased by a number of English Premier League clubs at just 15 years of age. The Wolves will have the upper hand in today's midfield battle.

Their midfield is likely to include Horsley on the right wing, Scott Chipperfield and Paul Reid playing in central midfield roles with Dino Mennillo on the left. Expect to see most of the Wolves attacking thrusts through Reid who has really stepped up this season and is the player to watch.

Trying to break down the Knights' attack will be sweeper Ben Blake, George Souris, David Cervinski and Robbie Stanton. Daniel Beltrame has replaced grand final hero Les Pogliacomi as Wolves' number one keeper. For the Knights', Toto Da Costa will make his Knights Stadium debut.

The 27-year-old Angolan was a rare shining light amongst a disappointing Knights' team last weekend. Da Costa showed his talent by breaking down the Canberra defence, only to be denied by some brilliant goalkeeping. The Wolves will give Andy Vargas close attention as he has been in devastating form in midfield this season.

Meanwhile, the goalkeeping woes have hit Somers Street with Lupce Acevski having to play with a broken nose in last week's 3-nil loss to Canberra at Bruce Stadium. He is expected to play this week. Number one goalkeeper Martin John is still out with a shoulder injury. Last time these two teams met at Somers Street, Wollongong walked away with all three points. But this is a totally new Knights outfit.



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Knights news

John back in a month

Goalkeeper Martin John, who strained his AC joint on the Wednesday before the Parramatta match in Round 2, won't be out for two months as was first predicted. John believes he'll be back in action in 3-4 weeks.

"I'm disappointed because I was doing so well, but Lou has stepped up and had a great game against Parramatta two weeks ago," said John.

The 22-year old injured the shoulder at training when attempting a save. "I dived and the shoulder got stuck in the ground, but the body kept going."

Acevski's rotten luck

Lupce Acevski thought the heavens were smiling on him when he produced a string of stunning saves against Parramatta Power a fortnight ago at Knights Stadium. The injury to Martin John paved the way for Acevski to start in goal for the Knights.

The trip to Canberra was one he'd rather forget, as he not only conceded 3 goals, but also suffered a broken nose in the process. The incident occurred in the 15th minute, when Cosmos striker, John Angelucci (on loan from Parramatta Power), elbowed Acevski when contesting a header.

Reserve goalkeeper Robert Graskoski, who was signed only days earlier, was not called upon in Canberra.

Goalkeeping stocks bolstered

The Knights have bolstered their goalkeeper stocks by recruiting Robert Graskoski from Victorian Premier League side Heidelberg United.

And he has been immediately made Lou Acevski's deputy after teenager Damir Salcin suffered a thigh injury at training.

The game of goalkeeper musical chairs was triggered when Martin John sustained a shoulder injury at training last week, forcing Acevski into the number one slot and Salcin

number two.

Coach Vlado Vanis has had his eye on Graskoski, who has been training at Somers St for the past few weeks, for some time.

His career includes stints with English lower division clubs, and at 28, Graskoski is the Knights' oldest player, eclipsing Angolan striker Toto Da Costa by almost a year.

Cervinski resumes in Youth

Injury-prone striker Adrian Cervinski made a successful return to action last week, netting the Melbourne Knights Academy's only goal in their 1-0 victory over Albury Woodonga.



Cervinski will most likely spend another week in the Youth League, before earning a senior call up. The 26-year old striker, with 123 games and 50 goals to his credit, will add some much-needed experience to the Knights attack.

Ransford Banini was another senior player to play for the Academy side. Banini has been named in the squad for today's match, so it will be interesting to see whether he lines up.

Gelemanovic firing

Melbourne Knights Youth team Captain Ivan Gelemanovic scored a scorching 30-metre goal in the first round of the Youth League, as the Knights beat Peninsula (Carlton's Academy side) 1-0 at Lawton Park, Langwarrin.

Gelemanovic, who completed his pre season with the Knights senior side, is currently playing his third season of Youth League soccer, and

has earned the praise of the many senior players, including new signing Andy Vargas.

The midfielder caught the eye of Vlado Vanis in a pre season tour of Croatia for the 'Kvarnerska Rivijera' tournament, and was invited to train with the senior squad after the tour. Antun Kovacic and Anthony Pelikan were the only two senior players in the squad.

Congratulations Sasa

Congratulations to 21-year old Knights defender Sasa Ogenovski who is getting married on Saturday November 3. Looks like Sasa's ankle injury has come at just the right time for him, well so his fiancé would say.

In memoriam

The Melbourne Knights are sad to announce the sudden passing away of two of its loved members.

Little Jacob Luka Glavan was only nine months old when he tragically passed away a few weeks ago.

His father Lou is a long time member and active supporter of the Knights and was a ground announcer for quite a few years in the 1990s.

Little Jacob's aunt is Slavica Zovak, currently a director on the Board of the Knights.

During the week, one of the founding fathers of the Club, Hinko 'Henry' Durakovic died after a long battle with illness.

Just over a month short of his 70th birthday, the legendary and much loved 'Henry' was directly responsible for the formation of the Club today known as the Melbourne Knights.

Legend has it that the club was formed in 1952 at a special meeting in Hinko's garage at his then Leeds Street home in Footscray.

Everyone associated at the Knights, from the Board and the players to the supporters and the sponsors, would like to pass on their sincerest condolences to the Glavan and Durakovic families for the loss of Luka and Hinko.

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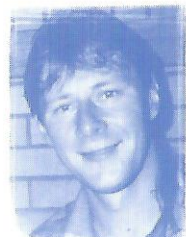
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Key match-ups

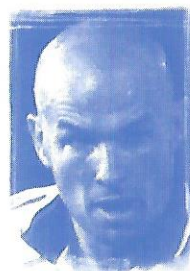
TOTO DA COSTA V DAVID CERVINSKI

Knights' new recruit Toto Da Costa could be the difference between the Knights' winning and losing. Last weekend, Da Costa managed to get himself into several great field positions. He provided the thru pass for Joel Porter, who was brought down for a penalty, which the Knights failed to convert. Da Costa carved up the Canberra defenders on a number of occasions and David Cervinski is likely to be the man attempting to stop Da Costa this afternoon. Cervinski is one of the best defenders in the NSL, and this match up should be interesting to watch.



JOEY RAHJER V MATTHEW HORSLEY

Joey Rahjer is likely to have the job of marking the Wolves' captain. Matthew Horsley is a player you cannot take your eye off and Joey Rahjer's speed and fitness make him the ideal man for the job. Rahjer will be conscious of Horsley's ability to turn a game with one piece of brilliance, however Rahjer's experience will play a big part in stopping Horsley on this occasion. Like Magdic, Rahjer is another who is classified as a defender, but he doesn't mind strolling forward on the odd occasion.



PAUL MAGDIC V SCOTT CHIPPERFIELD

Paul Magdic is likely to have the task of stopping Wollongong's Socceroo, Scott Chipperfield. Chipperfield was instrumental in the Wolves revival against Perth Glory in last seasons grand final, and on his day he can be unstoppable. Today he is likely to play on the wing with Paul Magdic as his direct opponent. Both players are capable of making crucial overlapping runs. Magdic, who is regarded as a defensive minded player, has carved up a few defenses so far this season with his pinpoint crossing. Another exciting match up.

Lance Jenkinson

National Youth League

(Southern Division) Round 1

By Roy Hay

The Victorian Institute of Sport won its opening match in the Southern Division when it beat South Dandenong by three goals to one at Grange Reserve on Saturday. Billy Celeski opened the scoring for the VIS with a 25 metre volley early in the first half, and then it was end-to-end soccer for much of the rest of the half. Just on the interval the VIS gained a penalty converted by skipper Rick Chillico to send the Institute in with a two-nil lead at the interval. Victor

Memeti pulled a goal back for South Dandenong and the visitors kept plugging away until striker Evan Papadopoulos got the clincher for the VIS late in the game with a left foot drive from about 20 metres out. Spase Dilevski and Sammy de Vito, plus skipper Chillico were the stand-outs for the VIS.

Eastern Pride, formerly Gippsland Falcons, had a narrow one-nil win over Green Gully at Mobil Stadium. Coached by Stan Webster, the Pride went ahead through Denis Mustac after ten minutes. But shortly after Jonathan Buhagiar was sent off and in the second half another Pride player followed leaving them with nine. It was backs to the wall stuff, but the Pride just held on to win.

Bulleen Inter beat Preston Lions by three goals to nil at the Veneto Club in the only match between two Victorian Premier Youth teams. Romano Ginesi opened for Bulleen in 23 minutes and just before half time Ricky Catalano scored the second. In the second half striker Adam Curcija opened his account for the season in 71 minutes to round off the scoring. Ari Cara, Ginesi and Steve Brios were tops for the winner and Jani Gelenos, who came on as substitute, did well for Preston.

Melbourne Knights beat Carlton Peninsula Blues, the Carlton Academy team, by a goal to nil scored by Ivan Gelemanovic in the 10th minute. Gelemanovic's fierce shot flew into the top right hand corner of the net. The Knights found it hard going in a tough, close encounter in which it created but did not take several chances. The Knights have a very young side this year, and indeed may have been giving away experience to the Carlton Academy which is drawn from players in the south and east of Melbourne.

A single goal by senior striker Adrian Cervinski was what gave Melbourne Knights Academy its one-nil home win over Albury Wodonga. Ramazan Tavasancioglu made a good run on the flank and his cross was chested down by Cervinski who then hit the ball on the drop giving the keeper no chance. That was around the half-hour mark. Both sides went at it strongly thereafter but there were no more goals.

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Bert's Beef

By Bert van Bedaf

For sure, there are millions of soccer fans around Australia glued to Channel Seven's national league highlights package at ten past midnight every Tuesday night/Wednesday morning. I, for one, can't wait, staying up at all hours to catch a glimpse of the Knights on mainstream television. Sure.

Then there's Seven's C7 cable television, accessible to everyone who's got the money and lives in the right area, to receive match of the day. It's everything Soccer Australia always wanted for its soccer fans. Except for NSL deputy chairman Ian Knopp, who described the 10-year contract for the television rights, worth \$20 million and in its third year, as "Judas money" and rightly so.

Footy Seven appears not interested in a code that surely will overtake Aussie Rules in popularity one day. But why should they, having pocketed the money? It's Soccer Australia, under its then chairman David Hill, who did the wrong deal in 1998. Mind you, fans across the nation are outraged.

Here's a Sydney fan Simon Squires in the Sydney Morning Herald. "When will Australian commercial TV begin to take the world game seriously? Channel Seven is now showing the hour-long package of NSL highlights after midnight. Thank goodness for VCRs." And here's Wally Grzeszczak in the Adelaide Advertiser. "What an insult by Channel Seven towards soccer fans to show NSL highlights at midnight. Who is going to stay up that late?"

Soccer of any kind should always be shown by a TV station which really does an excellent job, SBS." And here's another irate Sydney fan, Alan Wilson, in the Daily Telegraph. "Why did Channel Seven bother to purchase the rights off Soccer Australia when they show the highlights package at midnight on Tuesdays? 'Obviously they don't care about soccer in this country. We should have the chance to watch heroes like Francis Awaritefe together with young guys like Che Bunce perform each week at a reasonable time.

"I can't understand Soccer Australia's stand on this and I think the game is going downhill fast." These are some of the angry fans around the country, which are just as upset and frustrated as we are in Melbourne. All we can do is keeping Channel Seven and Soccer Australia informed of our concerns and hoping things will improve.

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Who said that????

"It's up to Ian Collins and the rest of the crew down at Colonial Stadium. The numbers have got to obviously stack up to make it financially viable."

- Melbourne Knights Media Director Tonci Prusac on the prospect of playing a home match at Colonial Stadium against South Melbourne

"I've settled in pretty well, it's pretty easy when we've got a great bunch of boys like we have."

- Joel Porter on how he's settling in at Somers Street

"It would be a fantastic marketing and PR exercise."

- Prusac on Colonial Stadium.

"Ten weeks ago, I was on the look out for players, to see which ones could have a chance in the national league.

Now that they have been given a chance, we will be putting things together, to build a very strong side, time is the critical factor."

- Vlado Vanis commenting on his young Knights squad.

"No one likes to go to Knights Stadium, but we will go there full of confidence and looking for a win."

- Wollongong coach Ron Corry on today's match.

"We could've played for four hours and we still wouldn't have scored...It was just one of those days"

- Andy Vargas on last week's game against Canberra Cosmos

Round	4	w/e 5 th November 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	03-11-00	Northern Spirit	Vs	Kingz	North Sydney Oval
Fri	03-11-00	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Eastern Pride	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	03-11-00	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Parramatta Power	Breakers Stadium
Sat	04-11-00	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	04-11-00	Perth Glory	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Perth Oval
Sat	04-11-00	Marconi Stallions	Vs	South Melbourne	Marconi Stadium
Sun	05-11-00	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Knights Stadium
Sun	05-11-00	Carlton	Vs	Sydney United	TBA

Round	5	w/e 12 th November 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	10-11-00	Kingz	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	10-11-00	Northern Spirit	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	North Power Stadium, Gosford
Sat	11-11-00	Parramatta Power	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	TBA
Sat	11-11-00	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	WIN Stadium
Sat	11-11-00	Eastern Pride	Vs	Perth Glory	Mobil Park
Sun	12-11-00	South Melbourne	Vs	Melbourne Knights	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	12-11-00	Sydney United	Vs	Marconi Stallions	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	12-11-00	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Carlton	TBA

Round	6	w/e 19 th November 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	17-11-00	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Northern Spirit	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	17-11-00	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	Breakers Stadium
Sat	18-11-00	Perth Glory	Vs	Kingz	Perth Oval
Sat	18-11-00	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Marconi Stadium
Sun	19-11-00	Parramatta Power	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	19-11-00	South Melbourne	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	19-11-00	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Sydney United	Knights Stadium
Sun	19-11-00	Carlton	Vs	Eastern Pride	TBA

Round	7	w/e 26 th November 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	24-11-00	Northern Spirit	Vs	Perth Glory	North Sydney Oval
Fri	24-11-00	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	24-11-00	Kingz	Vs	Carlton	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	24-11-00	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	WIN Stadium
Sat	25-11-00	Eastern Pride	Vs	Marconi Stallions	Mobil Park
Sun	26-11-00	South Melbourne	Vs	Parramatta Power	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	26-11-00	Sydney United	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	26-11-00	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Melbourne Knights	TBA

Round	8	w/e 3 rd December 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	01-12-00	Parramatta Power	Vs	Sydney United	Parramatta Stadium
Fri	01-12-00	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Breakers Stadium
Sat	02-12-00	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	South Melbourne	Bruce Stadium
Sat	02-12-00	Perth Glory	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Perth Oval
Sat	02-12-00	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	02-12-00	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Kingz	Marconi Stadium
Sun	03-12-00	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Eastern Pride	Knights Stadium
Sun	03-12-00	Carlton	Vs	Northern Spirit	TBA

Round	9	w/e 10 th December 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	08-12-00	Kingz	Vs	Melbourne Knights	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	08-12-00	Northern Spirit	Vs	Marconi Stallions	North Sydney Oval
Fri	08-12-00	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Carlton	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	09-12-00	Perth Glory	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	Perth Oval
Sat	09-12-00	Eastern Pride	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Mobil Park
Sun	10-12-00	South Melbourne	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	10-12-00	Sydney United	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	10-12-00	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Parramatta Power	TBA

Round	10	w/e 17 th December 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	15-12-00	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	South Melbourne	Breakers Stadium
Sat	16-12-00	Parramatta Power	Vs	Eastern Pride	TBA
Sat	16-12-00	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Bruce Stadium
Sat	16-12-00	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Kingz	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	16-12-00	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Sydney United	WIN Stadium
Sat	16-12-00	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Marconi Stadium
Sun	17-12-00	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Northern Spirit	Knights Stadium
Sun	17-12-00	Carlton	Vs	Perth Glory	TBA

Round	11	Fr 22 nd / Sat 23 rd December 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	22-12-00	Northern Spirit	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	North Sydney Oval
Fri	22-12-00	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Melbourne Knights	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	22-12-00	Kingz	Vs	Parramatta Power	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	23-12-00	Perth Glory	Vs	Marconi Stallions	Perth Oval
Sat	23-12-00	Eastern Pride	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	Mobil Park
Sat	23-12-00	Sydney United	Vs	South Melbourne	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sat	23-12-00	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	TBA
Sat	23-12-00	Carlton	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	TBA

Round	12	Fri 29 th / Sat 30 th December 2000		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	29-12-00	Parramatta Power	Vs	Northern Spirit	Parramatta Stadium
Fri	29-12-00	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Sydney United	Breakers Stadium
Fri	29-12-00	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Eastern Pride	WIN Stadium
Sat	30-12-00	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	30-12-00	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Kingz	Bruce Stadium
Sat	30-12-00	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Perth Glory	Knights Stadium
Sat	30-12-00	South Melbourne	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Bob Jane Stadium
Sat	30-12-00	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Carlton	Marconi Stadium

Round	13	w/e 7 th January 2001		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	05-01-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	North Power Stadium, Gosford
Fri	05-01-01	Kingz	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	05-01-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Parramatta Power	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	06-01-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Perth Oval
Sat	06-01-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	South Melbourne	Mobil Park
Sat	06-01-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	Marconi Stadium
Sun	07-01-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Sydney United	TBA
Sun	07-01-01	Carlton	Vs	Melbourne Knights	TBA

Round	14	w/e 14 th January 2001		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	12-01-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Perth Glory	Parramatta Stadium
Fri	12-01-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Breakers Stadium
Sat	13-01-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Bruce Stadium
Sat	13-01-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Northern Spirit	WIN Stadium
Sat	13-01-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Carlton	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sun	14-01-01	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Marconi Stallions	Knights Stadium
Sun	14-01-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Kingz	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	14-01-01	Sydney United	Vs	Eastern Pride	Sydney United Sports Centre

Round	15	w/e 21 st January 2001		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	19-01-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	South Melbourne	North Sydney Oval
Fri	19-01-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Melbourne Knights	Breakers Stadium
Fri	19-01-01	Kingz	Vs	Sydney United	Ericsson Stadium
Fri	19-01-01	Adelaide City Force	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Hindmarsh Stadium
Sat	20-01-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	Perth Oval
Sat	20-01-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Mobil Park
Sat	20-01-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Marconi Stadium
Sun	21-01-01	Carlton	Vs	Parramatta Power	TBA

Round	16	w/e 28 th January 2001		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	26-01-01	Northern Spirit	Vs	Sydney United	North Sydney Oval
Fri	26-01-01	Newcastle Breakers	Vs	Eastern Pride	Breakers Stadium
Fri	26-01-01	Kingz	Vs	Sydney Olympic	Ericsson Stadium
Sat	27-01-01	Perth Glory	Vs	Wollongong Wolves	Perth Oval
Sat	27-01-01	Marconi Stallions	Vs	Parramatta Power	Marconi Stadium
Sun	28-01-01	Carlton	Vs	Canberra Cosmos	TBA
Sun	28-01-01	Melbourne Knights	Vs	Brisbane Strikers	Knights Stadium
Sun	28-01-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Bob Jane Stadium

Round	17	w/e 4 th February 2001		Kick Off	Venue
Fri	02-02-01	Parramatta Power	Vs	Melbourne Knights	Parramatta Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Marconi Stallions	Bruce Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Wollongong Wolves	Vs	Carlton	WIN Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Brisbane Strikers	Vs	Newcastle Breakers	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Sat	03-02-01	Eastern Pride	Vs	Kingz	Mobil Park
Sun	04-02-01	South Melbourne	Vs	Perth Glory	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun	04-02-01	Sydney United	Vs	Adelaide City Force	Sydney United Sports Centre
Sun	04-02-01	Sydney Olympic	Vs	Northern Spirit	TBA

Review - Round 3

Parramatta Power 3 (A Tobin 2', B Santalab 12', J Miller 71')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (P Foster 15')
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Crowd: 3,116

Kingz FC 5 (T Stevens 7', 17', P Urlovic 55', 84', A Silva 88')
Newcastle United 1 (D McBreen 76')
Venue: Ericsson Stadium
Crowd: 5,182

Canberra Cosmos 3 (M Hagger 52', B Scott 63', A Castro 77')
Melbourne Knights 0
Venue: Bruce Stadium
Crowd: 1,550

Wollongong Wolves 1 (M Horsley 85')
Marconi Stallions 0
Venue: WIN Stadium
Crowd: 4,011

Eastern Pride 0
Northern Spirit 2 (G Mendez 30' pen, A Moreira 37')
Venue: Mobil Park
Crowd: 1,653

Sydney United 2 (Z Arambasic 4', F Awaritefe 76')
Perth Glory 1 (J Harnwell 29')
Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre
Crowd: 5,483

South Melbourne 1 (Z Susa 24')
Carlton 1 (S Colosimo 64')
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium
Crowd: 12,652

Sydney Olympic 3 (N Carle 25', G Owens 28', 50')
Adelaide City Force 0
Venue: Belmore Sports Ground
Crowd: 5,856

NSL Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sydney United	3	3	0	0	+4	9
2	Sydney Olympic	3	2	1	0	+5	7
3	Kings FC	3	2	0	1	+3	6
4	Marconi	3	2	0	1	+2	6
5	Melbourne Knights	3	2	0	1	-1	6
6	Carlton	3	1	2	0	+1	5
7	Wollongong Wolves	3	1	2	0	+1	5
8	South Melbourne	3	1	1	1	+1	4
9	Northern Spirit	3	1	1	1	+1	4
10	Perth Glory	3	1	1	1	0	4
11	Canberra Cosmos	3	1	0	2	+1	3
12	Brisbane Strikers	3	1	0	2	-1	3
13	Parramatta Power	3	1	0	2	-1	3
14	Eastern Pride	3	0	1	2	-3	1
15	Newcastle United	3	0	1	2	-6	1
16	Adelaide Force	3	0	0	3	-7	0

Leading Goalscorers:

Tim Stevens (Kingz FC)	4	Peter Grierson (Brisbane)	2
Zlatko Arambasic (Sydney United)	3	Greg Owens (Sydney Olympic)	2
Francis Awaritefe (Sydney United)	3	Andy Vlahos (South Melbourne)	3
Archie Thompson (Carlton)	3	Paul Urlovic (Kingz FC)	2
Chad Gibson (Marconi)	2		

Knights Abroad

- **MARK VIDUKA** played a full game scoring Leeds' equaliser in the 79th minute and picking up a yellow card in the 46th as Leeds United drew 1-1 away to Bradford. Viduka's equaliser came in the wake of Stan Collymore's spectacular scissors goal on debut for the Bantams. Earlier in the week, Mark played a full game in the Champions League as Leeds United (England) drew 1-1 at home with Barcelona (Spain). The draw puts Leeds in second place in Group H, with a draw against Milan in the final group game enough for advancement.

- **DANNY TIATTO** was sent off in the 42nd minute, after his second bookable offence, as Manchester City was thumped 5-0, away to Arsenal. Danny also played a full game, and scored a cracking goal in the 90th minute, his first in the Premier League, as Manchester City beat Southampton 2-0 away from home. Tiatto is making his mark at Manchester and has confirmed his status as a key member of the squad.

- In Belgium, **JOE SPITERI**, coming back from injury, came off the bench in the 46th minute, and picked up a yellow card, as Lierse lost 4-1 at home to Moeskroen.

- Former North Geelong Warriors midfielder **JOSIP SKOKO** played a full match, as Racing Genk (Belgium) lost 4-1 away to Werder Bremen (Germany) in the UEFA Cup Second Round - 1st Leg. The return leg is in Belgium 9th November. In the Belgium 1st division, Skoko played a full match, as Racing Genk drew 1-1 at home with AA Gent.

- In Greece, **JOE BACAK**, who recently transferred from the Dutch League (Vitesse Arnhem) to Ethnikos Asteras, is currently sidelined through injury

- In Germany, **FRANK JURIC** is still waiting on the sidelines for his chance to stake a place in the first XI at Bayer Leverkusen.



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 Nickname: *toto*
 D-O-B: *9/8/73*
 Star sign: *leo*
 City of birth: *angola africa*
 Occupation: *full time soccer player*
 Marital status: *married*
 Brand soccer boot worn: *kelme*
 Positions played: *midfield/ striker*
 Clubs played for: *ksv moel sporting listoln reindhoven*
 Most admired Australian (local): *joel porter*
 Most admired Australian (OS): *harry kewell*
 Hardest opponent (team): *monplere*
 Most admired sportsperson: *michael jordan*
 Major influences: *father*
 Car you drive: *hyundai*
 Meal before game: *pasta*
 Career highlight to date: *playing for sporting listoln*
 Ambition: *play good for melbourne knights*
 Favourite actor: *al pacino*
 Last movie seen: *gladiator*
 Favourite comedian: *eddie murphy*
 Favourite magazine: *ralph*
 Last CD bought: *julio iglesias*
 Favourite nightclub: *heat*
 Favourite drink (non alcoholic): *coke 7up*
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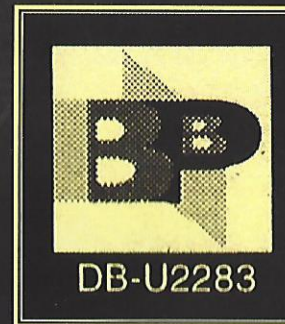
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